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Korea payoff probe**Turner: No CIA tapes linking Park to bribes****By Keyes Beech
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WASHINGTON — CIA Director Stansfield Turner Tuesday flatly denied published reports that the CIA had tape recordings implicating South Korean President Park Chung Hee in the bribery of American congressmen.

"There are no tapes," Turner told a breakfast meeting of Washington newsmen. Turner's statement was a minor bombshell in the spreading investigation of South Korean attempts to influence congressmen.

Senate Ethics Committee Chairman Adlai Stevenson (D-Ill.) said in Chicago Monday that his committee was considering hiring a special counsel to assess the need for an independent investigation of alleged South Korean influence-buying.

Up to now the investigation had been confined to the House, which has hired former Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski to get to the bottom of alleged gift-taking and outright bribery of some of its members.

STEVENSON, who two weeks ago said he was satisfied that no member of the Senate was involved in the South Korean scandal, said he changed his mind after reviewing documents obtained by Justice Department investigators.

Turner said it was CIA custom not to comment on oper-

ations, but in view of the sensitive nature of the South Korean scandal, that rule was suspended.

For the past 18 months both the Washington Post and the New York Times have repeatedly referred to tapes allegedly made in South Korea's Blue House, Park's official residence, and said to deal with Park outlining plans to corrupt American congressmen.

Some stories even quoted from the tapes that Turner said do not exist and never did. He also denied that the Blue House was bugged by other means, or that a CIA informer had recorded Park's conversations.

WHEN THE story of the alleged tapes first broke, the South Korean government angrily demanded an explanation and apology, but later backed away from those demands.

Instead, the Koreans demanded a public disclaimer from the United States.

State Department officials have privately maintained all along that the tapes did not exist but refused to say so publicly on the ground that

they did not comment on intelligence matters.

A DEPARTMENT spokesman said that policy still stands, although Turner said he had told State that it was all right to deny the story.

Turner said he had turned over to the Justice Department all relevant data concerning the South Korean scandal. He denied there was any deal with the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency or any other foreign intelligence agency, including Iran's SAVAK.